SECRET SESSIONS TO GET RESULTS

Police Commissioners Defend Star Chamber Methods

ONLY WAY TO GET EVIDENCE

Alexandria Officials Conducting Inquiry Tell Why Doors Are Closed to the Public.

> WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., MAY 5.

the mayor and each member of the board of police commissioners by a re porter for The Times today.

Mayor Paff replied that his reason for desiring the meetings to be secret was "that the commissioners could not get evidence if they made the previous evidence public. In so far as public opinior is concerned," said the mayor, "I fee that the citizens of this city will be perfectly satisfied with our work when they hear the results."

mmissioner Graham stated that in his opinion the meetings should be secret because the investigation of the commis-sioners was being conducted along the lines of a grand jury, and if one policeman heard the evidence given by another he would not be as ready to ad-

Effect of Testimony on Others.

The commissioners had decided to put the youngest officers, or those that had been on the force the shortest time, on the stand first because they were not 'up to snuff" as the older officers, and they might tell some things which the

they might tell some things which the others would not. "As it was," continued Mr. Graham," the publication in The Times of Policeman Jones' statement that the policemen had been in Harrington's stable at night, resulted in all the officers confessing to this charge."
"Do you think that if the publication had not been made that the officers would have denied this charge?" Mr. Graham was asked.
"No, I cannot say that," he replied. Commissioner Hill stated that he did not want to be quoted as saying anything in regard to the matter, but that he thought "for the benefit of the department the meetings should be secret." Asked why the reporters had been admitted to the meeting and then asked to refrain from publishing all the proceedings, Mr. Hill stated that he did not know; that the reporter had better see the mayor about this.

Same as a Grand Jury.

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Commissioner Fisher said: "I canno tell you the reasons just now why the issioners do not want the meeting open. We have good reasons, though, and when the investigation is over you will see that we did right in not opening the doors. The commis-sioners made a mistake in ever opening the doors to the reporters. We are conducting this investigation the same as a grand jury, and it would not do to let everything that transpires in the meeting be known."

Commissioner Ohlert said: "You can just say that we have our own reasons."

The Times reporter visited the mayor's office last night, and after interviewing one or two members of the board, as the meeting was about to be called to order, asked the mayor if he might remain. 'No, no,' said the mayor.

Proceedings Last Night.

meeting was called to order by Mayor Paff with Commissioners Hill, Fisher and Ohlert present. After the board had been in session about fifteen minutes Commissioner Hill was called away and did not return.

Policeman Bettis gave a detailed account of his service on the force. He stated that he had made a number of arrests for the violation of the city

Bancroft Council, No. 466, National Union, held its regular monthly meeting at 514 Ninth street northwest last evening. After routine business the council mean parterial and with speeches by arrests for the violation of the city ordinances in relation to the removal of ashes and obstructing the sidewalks. During his time of service as station-keeper he always did his duty. He told of how affairs were managed around the station house and thought that the police force was in a good condition.

Policeman Young said he had always tried to do his duty to the best of his ability. When questioned in regard to a telephone message being received at the station house, in the early part of April, about a woman being cut near Summers' store. Young stated that he received the message and told the persons at the other end of the telephone that an officer would come out at once. He had to put some prisoners back in their cells and after doing this, he called to the captain that he was going out to attend to this matter. Just as he reached the door two gentlemen came in on a matter of business and they stayed a long time. After they had departed he again started to go out to answer the call, when the telephone bell rang and he answered the phone bell rang and he answered the phone to find it was Policeman Henderson, who being on the beat in which the woman was, he told him to go.

The man who did the cutting was fined in the police court the next morning.

Made Plenty of Arrests.

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Policeman Knight stated that he had done his duty and had made a large number of arrests, as the court records would show.

Policeman Gill testified that he had been on duty at the station house for a been on duty at the station house for a number of years, but that he had never seen a book kept of the lost or stolen articles. The entry was made on a slip of paper and put in an envelope in the drawer in the headquarters. Policeman Roberts was summoned to appear, but was not called upon to tes-tify last night. The session adjourned to

meet on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

CAPTAIN OF SLOCUM BURIAL OF MISS CIVALIER. SECRETLY WEDDED

NEW YORK, May 5.-Capt, William Van Schaick, commander of the illfated steamer General Slocum, who was Sing prison at hard labor, and who is now out on bail pending an application for a new trial, was secretly married a eeks after Judge Thomas, of the United States circuit court, had passed judgment upon him. The captain and his bride are now living on the Van Schalck farm, near New Amsterdam,

N. Y.

The bride of Captain Van Schaick was
Miss Grace Mary Spratt, of this city,
who is said to be an exceedingly coullooking young woman, several years the
junior of her husband.

THE BUSINESS SECTION VISITED BY BIG FIRE

Italian Strikers Cause Wild Riot in Passaic

Charged and Mowed Down by Mob After Having Mortally Wounded Policemen Sent to Quell Disturbance Started by Them.

borers charged with stones and clubs This started a wild riot, the Italians twenty-five non-union men working on drawing knives and revolvers, and shots building in Central avenue.

trampled on. Policeman Gustav Schmidt men. who assisted the police, were is dying in the general hospital with clubbed and kicked into unconsclous-

Fomenting Disturbances.

An investigation into the operations of

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afternoon was very successful.

BANCROFT COUNCIL VOTES

Union, held its regular monthly meeting

tution or by the State.
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ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES!

Lee Civalier took place from Christ

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., MAY 5.

lic Printer Stillings.

PASSAIC, N. J., May 5.—Wild riot One striker tossed a stone, which proke out in Passaic at 8 o'clock this struck Policeman Michael Delaney, who norning, when 300 striking Italian lawere exchanged between the reserves Five policemen who responded to hurry and Italians at close quarters. Eight calls for assistance were disarmed of Italians were laid low with bullets, and clubs and revolvers, knocked down, and others captured by a mob of about 500

RIVER VIEW SEASON PUBLIC PRINTER WANTS WAHNETAS INVESTIGATED

Alleged Inside Organization at Government Printing Office Said to Be
Two Trips to Popular

Tot. The absendance to the provides that only those who live on Monroe street would be assessed.

an alleged "inside" organization in the the popular excursion resort on the river Government Printing Office known as near Fort Washington, will be opened The twentieth season of River View he Wahnetas has been ordered by Public Printer Stillings.

There was a large-sized commotion in the office yesterday when it became known that certain representatives of the inspection division had been instructed to get all information possible bearing on this subject. Certain employes supposed to have information of interest on the scope and purposes of the alleged organization have been approached and requested to make a statement for the use of the inspection division. er. St Johns will make two trips from

apparent what interest the officials of the office could have in the matter, even if it is ascertained that the order is still in existence, as its purposes are alleged to have been foreign to the Government Printing Office.

turning.

A planked shad dinner will be served at River View, and meals will also be served on the steamer St. Johns, on her afternoon trip. With pleasant weather the outing will be a most delightful one.

THE THOMAS W. LAWSON

ig seven masted schooner Thomas W. Money for Sufferers on the Coast Has sel in the world, is here taking on 8,000 tons of coal for Boston, which will be her last cargo of coal, preparations having been made for converting her into an oil barge.

The famous vessel, who The fund raised by pupils of Western High School for the relief of the Caliinto the coastwise trade four years ago created a stir in the maritime fornia sufferers now amounts to \$55.28, world has been chartered by a Texas and as a few more subscriptions are exoil company and will hereafter ply be-tween Port Arthur, Tex., and Philadelpected Monday, it is probable the total will be something over \$90. The benefit phia and New York with oil. concert given at the school yesterday

After delivering her present cargo of After delivering her present cargo of coal in Boston the schooner will proceed to New York, where she will be fitted with bulkheads to enable her to carry oil in bulk. Her lofty topmasts will be housed and she will be equipped for being towed.

Primarily the cause of the schooner changing her character is the present duliness in the coal trade. Since she was placed in commission she has been plying between this port and Boston. Those taking part in the entertainment were Miss Marie von Unschuld, Mrs. William Keye Miller, and Augustus Hazard Swan. MONEY FOR SAN FRANCISCO

NEWS OF GEORGETOWN

William H. Wyatt, jr., of Richmond, hembers of the District cabinet.

An appropriation of \$10 was voted to he San Francisco sufferers. H. H. Mar-northwest, and Miss Ida M. Neisz, of Richmond, Va., were married Tuesday afternoon at the home of the groom's parents, by Father Thomas S. Harlin, S. J., pastor of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, of Georgetown. The house was prettily decorated with Illacs. The at-tendants were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wyatt and Mrs. Laura E. Blaine, of Staunton, Va. After the ceremony supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt, jr., left yesterday morning on their honeymoon. They will visit New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, and on their return will take up their residence at 2505 Park avenue, Richmond, Va.. of which city the groom is high constable.

CHRISTIAN FORCES FEDERATION. The Federation of Christian Forces, of Georgetown, will hold a big meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Dumbarton Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, at 3:30 o'clock. The subject to be taken up will be "Better Observance of the Sabbath." The Rev. Zed H. Copp. is president of the federation, and the Rev. Frederick B. Howden, pastor of St. John's Church, vice president.

ALLEGE BREACH OF CONTRACT.

An alarm of fire was sounded about 8:30 o'clock this morning for a blaze in The Camden Coke Company has insti tuted suit against Perce G. Allen, of the Perce G. Allen Company, coke distribu-ters of K street. Georgetown, for breach of contract in the sum of \$4,059.78. Wells & Wells & Calvert are the attorneys for the plaintiff. the house of John Davis, 1208 Prince street. A gasolene stove led to the accident, and John Davis, jr., was badly burned. He was taken to the Alexan-dria Hospital. The fire was put out with extinguishers.

FUNERAL OF ALEX. TENNANT.

The funeral of Alexander Tennant formerly of Georgetown, who died sev-The funeral of the late Miss Myra eral days ago at his home at Hyatts-ville, Md., took place this morning. Re-Protestant Episcopal Church today. The Rev. William J. Morton, conducted the services. Interment was in Ivy Hill quiem mass was said at the Hyattsville Catholic Church at 10 o'clock, Interment was in Holy Rood Cemetery, on Georgetown Heights. Deceased is susvived by a widow and several grown

sion of the police court last night and tried the following cases:

Ernest Page, arrested by Policemen Knight and Lyles, on the charge of stealing rope from John Alexander, was fined \$5.

Allen Bell, colored

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Allen Bell, colored, arrested by Policemen Knight and Lyles, on the charge of stealing a keg of beer from Owen Nugent, was fined \$10.

Benjamin Water and John Ford, arrested by Policeman Jones on the charge of torturing horses, were fined \$2.50 each. Theodore Cook, colored, is being held at the Seventh precinct station. Opposite his name on the docket is "held for investigation." Cook was arrested last night at 12 o'clock, but not until con-\$2.50 each.
Mamie Jackson, colored, arrested by
Policeman Knight on the charge of disorderly conduct, was fined \$5. siderable difficulty had been experi-Mamle Jackson, colored, arrested by Policeman Knight on the charge of disorderly conduct, was fined \$5.

BAPTISM AND COMMUNION.

There will be baptism at the Liberty Baptist church, in North Alfred street this city tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Communion will be held at 7:30 in the evening.

Siderable difficulty had been expericaced by one of the Seventh precinit policemen. Cook was seen creeping from the alley between houses 1515 and 1517 Wisconsin avenue, just as the policemen he randown Wisconsin avenue. He was ordered to halt, but continued to run. Three shots were fired in the air by one of the policemen; then Cook stopped and surrendered.

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STREET EXTENSION

Brooklanders Unable to Agree on Old Question.

AGAINST "JIM CROW" CARS

Claimed That Doubling Up Would Makes Worse a Service Already Bad.

Discussion of the feasibility of extend-"Are you in favor of conducting the sessions of the police board behind closed doors, and if so will you state your reasons?" was the question put to ing in the town hall last night. This is the third time the extension question has come up and as heretofore it met with strenuous opposition.

President Kinnan, as chairman of the committee on extension, stated that most of the opposition was due to the fact that the citizens believed it would cost them a vast deal of money, but in fact the cost of the proposed improvement would be only \$10 for a fifty-foot

Claims Extension Is Illegal.

John McPhaul objected to the proposed extension on the ground that it was ilegal; that the action of the jury on assessment is uncertain, an ! because the four of his children.

As chairman of the committee or legislation, Mr. McPhanl reported on House bill 124, which gives the District Commissioners the right to regulate the car service. The bill was indorsed by the citizens.

"Jim Crow" Proposition Laid Aside. "Jim Crow" cars are wanted by some members of the association, but when the Brooklanders were asked last night proached and requested to make a statement for the use of the inspection division.

While the investigation being made by the inspection division has served to excite a number of the employes, it is not apparent what interest the officials of the office could have in the matter, even if it is ascertained that the order is sileged to have been foreign to the alleged to have been foreign to the state of the Brooklanders were asked last night to indorse Representative Heffin's bill to indorse Representative Heff

The communication from the Capital asked that the bill be indorsed, was re

Want Policemen Kept on Duty. Because of the number of assaults and TO CARRY STANDARD OIL

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No. The Burker Hill road reference of assaults and robberles in other sections of the city it is feared Major Sylvester will take away the policemen stationed at the Bunker Hill road railroad crossing. An-Lawson, the second largest salling ves-sel in the world is herest salling ves-



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BARNES CONFIRMATION

Senator Tillman Determined to Have Inquiry Proceedings Follow Consideration of Other Matter.

The confirmation of Benjamin F Barnes as postmaster for the District of Columbia will not be called until after the rate bill has been disposed of by the Senate. Senator Tillman's resolution of inquiry into the local police department's connection with the Mrs. Morris case is in abayence as yet, Mr. Tillman wants to make a speech upon the case, but he does not desire to sidetrack the rate question.

In executive session yesterday after-oon Senator Carter made an effort to Monroe street, and consideration of have a date set for a vote on the nomed in his determination to have the case take its regular course. He gave notice that he would not agree to any arrangement to settle the matter until he had succeeded in bringing out all lacts connected with the subject of

he had succeeded in bringing out all lacts connected with the subject of Mrs. Morris.

The Senate spent more than one-half hour on the case in executive session. Nothing was accomplished, though it was indicated that as soon as there was an opening the Senate's indulgence in open session would be tried on the case when Mr. Tiliman will expound a few things about local police conditions. Mr. Carter and other Republicans will probably answer him.

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